(c) No, Sir.

Vacancies of Railway Supervisors

1485. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several posts of Supervisors/Chief Supervisors are lying vacant in all the railway zones;

(b) if so, division-wise details thereof;

(c) whether Ministry propose to fill up these vacant posts in these Divisions; and

(d) if so, by when these posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d) The information is being colllected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Corruption in Railways

1486. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Railways had called a meeting of railway General Managers recently and stressed the need to maintain safety, plugging revenue leakages and meeting financial targets;

(b) if so, the details of the strategy chalked out to meet various challenges before the Railways;

(c) whether corruption in Railways is primarily responsible for various drawbacks; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to root out corruption in the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Strategy to meet various challenges faced by the Railway is not formulated in a single meeting with General Managers. During the meeting stress was laid on innovative marketing, expenditure control, rightsizing, plugging revenue leakage, regular Safety Audits and clearing arrears of asset renewals.

(c) and (d) Although Corruption on Railways is not primarily responsible for various drawbacks, a number of steps have been taken by the Government to root out corruption in Railways. These steps include frequent checks in areas of public/user interface and